

CITY OF OMAHA EVACUATION PREPARATION PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Omaha area is currently under a flood warning. Residents living in the following areas should be prepared to participate in an evacuation, should future conditions warrant such action:

AREA THAT MAY BE EVACUATED:

If an immediate flood emergency is declared the following areas may be affected:

- North of Ames Ave: All areas East of Florence Blvd.
- South of Ames Ave: All areas East of 16th Street.
- NOTE: See attached map. The possible evacuation area is shaded in red.

NOTIFICATION METHODS:

Should an evacuation be necessary, residents in the affected area will be notified through the following methods:

- Local media (Television/Radio)
- Internet websites and social media
 - www.omahaflood.org
 - Facebook: Douglas County Joint Information Center
 - Twitter: @douglascty JIC, #omahaflood, #2011MoRivFlood
- Emergency Alert System (EAS)
- Uniformed Fire and Police Personnel will be driving through the evacuation area making public address announcements and providing printed material with additional information.

WHERE TO GO:

Residents within the evacuation area should move West via main traffic routes. Law enforcement officers will be providing traffic control to ensure a smooth and continuous flow of traffic towards the West. Main routes include:

- Arthur C. Storz Expressway (Main Route)
- Abbott Drive (Secondary Route)
- An alternate route would be traveling West on Fort Street toward 16th Street.

Should water make either of these main routes become impassable due to water across the roadway, evacuating residents will be directed to alternate routes by law enforcement officers who are providing traffic control.

Anyone who has **shelter needs** should report to Omaha North High School at 36th Street and Ames Ave. (4401 N. 36th Street). Omaha North High School is NOT a shelter. Transportation will be provided to shelters if needed.

GENERAL EVACUATION PREPARATION INFORMATION:

Residents who self-determine to leave or otherwise evacuate from their residence, or who evacuate as a result of a notice received from City of Omaha officials, should consider the following prior to leaving their home:

- Close and lock all doors and windows and leave window shades or drapes open.
- Plug all lower level floor drains to keep water from backing up into the building.
- Turn off water at the meter.
- If possible, turn off your electricity at the main breaker box, and gas supply at the shut-off.
- Leave a note on the front door with contact information such as cellular telephone number. The City of Omaha does **NOT** have a database to track homeowners who have vacated; therefore, residents should not call the city when attempting to track friends or relatives.
- Do not leave pets behind or in the home. If residents evacuate to a shelter, plans should be made for pets; not all shelters accommodate pets.
- Notify a family member or friend outside of the designated evacuation area that you are evacuating and your intended destination.

Plan for your personal evacuation needs ahead of time. Evacuees should bring:

- Wallet/purse (Including personal identification with current address) If you do not have your current address on personal ID, please bring a utility bill with your address.
- House and car keys
- Eyeglasses
- Medications (At least 3 days supply)
- Clothing
- Family pets
- Cash and credit cards
- Cell phones and chargers

These supplies may need to last for an indefinite period of time. It is suggested that persons bring at least three (3) days of supplies to meet their individual needs.

People who anticipate needing additional transportation assistance due to special mobility needs should contact 211.

Anyone in the evacuation area that chooses NOT to leave should be aware that rescue at a later time may be delayed.

Additional flood preparation information can be obtained at:

- Omahaflood.org
- www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/floods/html
- Calling 211